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SUBJECT: ISRAELI KNESSET SPEAKER PROVIDES UPDATE ON DRAFT
EXPORT CONTROL LEGISLATION

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Classified By: Ambassador Richard H. Jones. Reason: 1.4 (b, d).

[1](#)1. (SBU) On August 10, the Ambassador received a letter from Knesset Speaker Dahlia Itzik that provides an update on draft export control legislation. The letter was sent in response to questions the Ambassador raised in his July 12 meeting with Itzik. The text of the portions of the letter that concern export controls follows:

Begin text:

Dual-Use Goods and Technology: In regard to defense-related exports or dual-use technology and services, on June 13 2006, the Knesset Economic Affairs Committee approved the Proclamation on the Control of Goods and Services (missile equipment and technology), 2006. On July 24, 2006, the Committee debated the Import and Export Order (Control of exports of dual-use goods, technology and services, 2006). A further debate was held on August 8.

Defense Exports: The Government is now in the advanced stages of the preparation of a bill on defense-related exports.

End text.

12. (C) In an August 24 meeting with the Ministry of Defense's new director general, MGEN (Ret.) Gabi Ashkenazi, the Ambassador was told that the draft defense export legislation -- the Defense Export Control Act, or DECA -- was to be submitted to an inter-ministerial committee on August 28 for final review before delivery to the Knesset. Ashkenazi told the Ambassador that the head of the inter-ministerial committee, Acting Justice Minister Meir Sheetrit, said he will take all appropriate steps to expedite the committee's review and place the DECA before the Knesset as soon as possible. Once before the Knesset, the DECA will have to undergo three readings. Ashkenazi said that this could take some time, and that he could not predict when the Knesset would approve the DECA. Ashkenazi promised to do whatever he can to ensure passage occurs as quickly as possible, noting that he would like to have an accomplishment to report when he visits the U.S. in September. The Ambassador told Ashkenazi that he had impressed upon Knesset Speaker Itzik the importance the USG places on the export control legislation, and that she seemed receptive.

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